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FACULTY SEARCH

Administrators handle search process load

Four positions remain vacant

BY JENNIFER PERHAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Administrators are confident they can handle the increased workload of search processes after several high-profile positions were vacated this winter.

Former Vice President for Student Affairs Shirley Stewart resigned Jan. 1, and Rick Sailors, former WEIU general manager, was dismissed from his position Dec. 20.

Denis Roche was chosen to serve as



SHIRLEY STEWART



LYNETTE DRAKE



RICK SAILORS



DENIS ROCHE

interim general manager for WEIU Jan. 18, and Lynette Drake, medical director of Health Services, will take on the title of acting vice president for Student Affairs beginning Feb. 1.

"Resignations happen all the time at the end of the year," said Eastern President Lou Hencken. "Some

employees choose to retire in December because of tax advantages."

Hencken said some of the other reasons faculty resign are to be closer to family or because they have accepted positions at other universities.

Hencken received Stewart's letter of

resignation Dec. 8, and he went to the Student Affairs staff Dec. 15 and encouraged members to apply for the position.

"It is time consuming to fill positions," Hencken said.

Eastern's vice president of Student Affairs position will be advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education, which will cost a little more than \$3,000, Hencken said.

A decision on the final candidate will be made in May with the new vice president starting the job at the first of August. Mona Davenport, director of Eastern's Office of

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Speaker evaluates tortures at Abu Ghaib

BY DAN LADEUR
STAFF WRITER

Stephen Hartnett spoke at Eastern last night about who was to blame for the tortures at Abu Ghaib, Iraq last year, and how torturing can be prevented in the future.

Hartnett explained the four levels of responsibility that he thought were to blame for the torturing at Abu Ghaib. The first responsible party was the military intelligence, commenting that as the insurgency rose in Iraq, the United States began arresting more people.

"There was a lack of planning for post-war occupation," Hartnett said.

He said that the first stages of torture were ordered by the FBI and the CIA.

The next responsible party was the Bush administration. The administration decided that it would no longer uphold the Geneva

Convention standards.

Alberto Gonzales, former White House legal counsel and current appointee to become Attorney General, was the architect who said the United States is above the law.

Hartnett continued to say the third responsible party was a group of independent mercenary contractors.

Companies hired by the government, named Caci and Titan, pulled people off the street to fight the war in Iraq. Hartnett added that 35 percent of these mercenaries had no formal training at all.

The last responsible party is the culture of brutality in the United States, Hartnett said. He said when average people turn on the television they normally see somebody getting shot or some amount of brutality.

"I was very impressed by the research behind everything that he does, it's kind of nice to hear a different perspective on the things that are going on and to actually get the background information from a researched perspective," said Jody Tissier, a graduate student studying communication studies.

Hartnett explained three options for responding to the torture that occurred at Abu Ghaib. He issued a

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JODY TISSIER,
GRADUATE STUDENT



THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS FILE PHOTO

Cars drive down Lincoln Avenue while the road started to flood near the beginning of November. So far this year, Charleston has received 6.75 inches of precipitation, which is more than double the average of 2.7 inches.

Charleston, southern counties exceed precipitation averages

BY HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

The offbeat rain and snowfall that have scattered over the Charleston area have not been uncommon throughout the rest of Illinois either.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich declared nine southern counties disaster areas last week after flying over many flooded streams and rivers caused by the unusual precipitation, said Patti Thompson, communications manager for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Local governments from the counties of Clark, Crawford,

Lawrence, Wabash, White, Gallatin, Massac, Hardin and Pope may now be eligible for financial assistance from the Illinois government and are already being assisted to help prevent any more damage from the flooding, Thompson said.

A combination of things contributed to the flooding, said Matt Barnes, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Lincoln.

"We had a pretty heavy snow pack down there the first part of the year," he said. "Some places down that way had up to or greater than a foot of snow, and that's a lot of water to melt off. In addition to

that, we had a lot of rain events after (the snowfall)."

Charleston, although not to the same extent, has also received more than the usual amount of precipitation during January, said Dalias Price, a former Eastern weather professor.

So far, Charleston has received 6.75 inches of precipitation throughout the month of January, more than double the average of 2.7 inches, Price said.

Even though Charleston has had higher precipitation, Price said major flooding is unlikely.

"Flooding here would be minimal," he said. "Our little streams do

not carry that much water, and people's homes are not near these little streams."

The unusual weather is not expected to carry on throughout February, March and April, Barnes said.

"The Climate Prediction Center is calling for near-normal precipitation, so it's not looking at anything extreme over the next few months," he said. "Of course, that doesn't mean something can't happen."

Meanwhile, the Illinois government has provided more than 2,000 sandbags to the nine disaster counties

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OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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JULIA BOURQUE

Bourque is the Associate News Editor for The Daily Eastern News.

I loved kindergarten. I often wish I could go back to those long days of napping, coloring and learning my ABC's, but most of all I wish I could go back and tell my kindergarten teacher thank you.

Before now, I have often considered kindergarten teachers people who never wanted to grow up; people who refused to leave those long days of coloring, napping and learning their ABC's.

After meeting one of my best friend's mother, who is a kindergarten teacher, and living with a soon-to-be kindergarten teacher I have nothing but tremendous respect for the work they do.

Kindergarten teachers are not simply people who refuse to grow up. They are educated adults who have a tremendous effect on how every child in their classroom grows up. Kindergarten teachers are the professionals who teach everyone the basics of learning, which are the most important aspect of all schooling we receive in our life.

Some may think, oh wow, it's really hard to teach someone their ABC's or how to color inside the lines, but kindergarten from a teacher's point of view is much more than that. I'm sure I sound like a broken record to all of those early childhood education majors down the hall from me, but the way you talk to a child or the way you grade his or her assignments can have an effect on the child's future learning capabilities.

Kindergarten isn't like high school where teachers are given students who, for the majority if not all, know how to read and behave in a classroom. I'm not dissing high school teachers here. I'm just pointing out some of the behind the scenes work kindergarten teachers don't get credit for. For instance, think about how art and coloring during early childhood enhances imagination, which Einstein declared one of the most valuable aspects of the mind. Think about how crucial learning the alphabet and how to count are. It was our kindergarten teachers who taught or introduced us to all of these things.

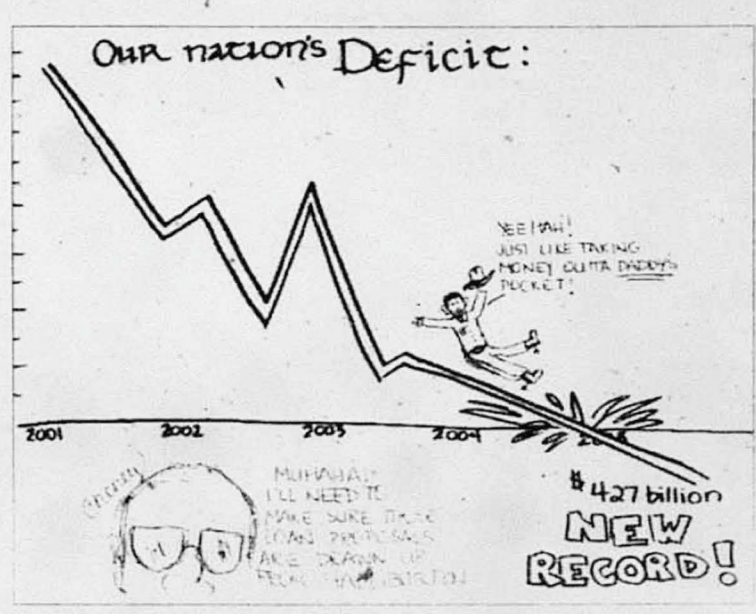
I read an article in Tuesday's *Chicago Tribune* about a woman who taught kindergarten at a Chicago school, and her classroom had 36 students. This number of students is eight more than the maximum number of students allowed in a Chicago kindergarten classroom. One photo of the teacher showed a woman surrounded by rambunctious children trying to calm them all down at once. Another photo showed the teacher with a distressed look on her face trying to console a crying kindergarten.

Just from looking at the teacher's face in these photos, I couldn't help but want to help her baby sit, which is what she said she felt like she was doing with that many children running around and feeding off of each other's behavior. I babysat when I was in junior high and high school, and I know how exhausting watching one to three children can be. I can't even imagine how exhausted this Chicago teacher was trying to teach and look after 36 children.

Another reason why I have so much respect for kindergarten teachers is because they do have one of the hardest and most important jobs offered and get paid the least of all teachers.

I know the material middle school and high school teachers have to teach is more advanced, but think about what I mentioned earlier and how kindergarten teachers have to learn how to talk to and interact with children because they know everything they do can influence the children's future learning capabilities and behavior.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



EDITORIAL

Library expansion plus for city

Charleston is proposing a much needed \$7 million expansion to its Carnegie Public Library. The expansion will nearly quadruple the current 9,000 square feet the library has.

The 33,000 square feet will finally put Charleston on par with cities in the area. Mattoon expanded their library nine years ago and now caps out at 26,000 square feet.

The current space Charleston has simply doesn't cut it. Eric Huddleston, president of the Library Board, said "Every time we get a new book, an old one has to leave. The reality is we have no space."

The thought of having to either throw out or give away a book every time a new one is released, which isn't a very rare event, is an unfortunate reality.

Anyone who has stepped foot in the library knows that it is truly cramped for space and does not possess an adequate meeting room.

This will all be solved by the expansion. In addition, the expansion will preserve the existing 1904 building, which, as a Carnegie Library, is a recognized state historical landmark. The city has already purchased the surrounding land so the

At issue
The proposed expansion of the Charleston Carnegie Library.

Our stance
That the library expansion, while expensive, is a good investment for the residents of Charleston.

library, which is currently located on Fourth Street just south of the Square, can easily be expanded to Fifth Street.

The money for this expansion must come from somewhere. The current proposal calls for an increase in property tax. The owners of a home with an assessed value of \$80,000 would have to pay an extra \$80 per year.

A majority of Charleston citizens will have to vote in favor of this project at the April 5 election for the project to progress. For the city to turn down this expansion would be a mistake.

There is no need to preach the merits a library gives to a city's education and culture. It is something that would greatly benefit Charleston residents.

In an age where city after city is trapped into raising taxes to fund a new stadium for a professional baseball team, it would be difficult to see the people of Charleston turn down a tax increase for something that could truly benefit every citizen.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE NEEDED

The editorial board's recent opinion on the Illinois minimum wage increase of \$1, from \$5.50 to \$6.50 an hour, did not present the entire story to the reader. It should be noted that the increase is not applicable to all small businesses but rather to all the businesses that have four or more employees, excluding family members.

Secondly, while small business was mentioned in the piece, Wal-Mart, the corporate powerhouse and perhaps the second largest provider of jobs in

Charleston, was not mentioned for its apathetic attitude toward creating livable wages for its employees.

What was truly not reflected in the sentiments of the editorial is the position of the Illinois worker. In 1966 the national minimum wage was set at \$1.40 an hour. Adjusted to inflation rates that amount has the same buying power today as a rate of \$8.26 an hour, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Today, Illinois workers are essentially still making less than they did in 1966 adjusted to inflation. To get a better sense of the situation, one

should read the current book selected for Eastern's One Book/One University program: *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. He or she will get a first hand account of what it is like to work in different professions throughout the United States at minimum wage or less.

I have no doubt that after reading it the individual will understand that Illinois' increase in minimum wage was a progressive step in the right direction.

BEN MARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shepard makes her debut

Talent Search winner to play originals, covers

By LAURA GRIFFITH
ASSOCIATE CAMPUS EDITOR

The winner of this year's EIU Talent Search will perform at 8 p.m. tonight in the 7th Street Underground.

"I was kind of thrown into it. After she won, Shepard began recording a demo of her music, one of her current projects, which was part of her prize."

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "I didn't think I was going to win."

One day, Shepard would like to be a recording artist, although she said she was advised not to become a music major and declared a health studies major instead.

"When you make work out of something you love, you tend not to like it," Shepard said.

There will be three opening acts during the show including folk/acoustic guitarist Ryan Groff, rapper Monty Buckley and singer/songwriters Courtney and Kristen Bosco.

The band will perform with Shepard.



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Courtney Shepard, who won the EIU Talent Search, will perform a set of originals and covers tonight in the 7th Street Underground.

on bass, Courtney and Kristen Bosco on guitar and singing back-up, Iggy Ozako on drums and Mark Woolwine on the piano. Courtney will also play covers of songs by The Beatles and The Rolling Stones.

Groff, of the band Elsinore, found working with Shepard to be an enjoyable experience.

"It's good to see her voice appreciated," he said.

Hearing evaluations available on campus

By ANN BEAUCHANE
STAFF WRITER

For local residents who think they may have a hearing problem, Health Services is hosting hearing evaluations Friday.

The evaluations will run every hour and 15 minutes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Speech Hearing Center.

On-Campus Hearing Tests

- ◆ **Who:** Health Services
- ◆ **What:** Free hearing tests
- ◆ **Date:** Friday
- ◆ **Time:** 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Where:** Speech Hearing Center, 2010 University Ave.

never spoke will most often communicate manually using sign language, while post-lingual people have more of a choice between spoken or manual language.

"I pretty much function like a hearing person," said Melissa Manak, a sophomore industrial design major, who lost her hearing at age three because of a fever. "A lot of people cannot tell that I am deaf, but I do have an interpreter in class and note-taker. Otherwise, I am pretty much on my own."

Manak drives her own car, uses a cell phone, works as a nanny, goes out with friends, enjoys school and is a member of the Gamma Sigma Phi Honor Society.

all to come in and get checked."

LYNN WILKERSON,
SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST

devices to use amplified phones and cell phones.

"E-mail and text messaging has changed lives as well," Wilkerson said.

Manak said she cannot hear while on the phone because some

people with hearing forget to talk slow, leaving some words sounding like gibberish.

A person who can hear well should never mimic sign language when meeting a hearing impaired person.

"It's kind of an insult," Manak said. "Saying 'hi' in sign language is a universal sign. Just wave at someone. It's as simple as that."

Hearing evaluations will be available on campus.

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and people in government to stop creating wars, because the United States' first mistake was going to war.

Hartnett said the second response is to make sense of the government documents for the public to understand. He recommended the CIA Web site, where documents containing informational context have been released to the general public.

Hartnett's last suggested response was to become better critics of U.S. prisons. He said the United States spends more money on prisons than education.

Hartnett has been teaching speech communications at the University of Illinois since 1999. His recent publication includes "Empire of Deception: The War in Iraq, Globalization, and the Twilight of Democracy."

"I thought it was amazing. I especially liked the way he talked about the Abu Ghaib jails, he defended his points very well," said Brian Lambert, a junior English major.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Stephen Hartnett speaks about Iraq to a group of people in Sumner Auditorium Wednesday night.

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Minority Affairs, will be in charge of the search committee for the vice president position.

Roche said he has adjusted to his new position as interim general manager for WEIU after just two weeks on the job.

"I have great relationships with the administration," Roche said. "They are solid people, and I couldn't ask for greater people in terms of support."

It is tough, Roche said, to tell the extent to which he has adjusted to the position, but said he thinks things are moving along so far.

"I work with a talented staff who does its job well and needs minimum help," Roche said.

Roche meets with Jill Nilsen, vice president for External Relations, on a weekly basis to update her on his goals for WEIU.

"I update her on projects and points I need direction and clarification on," Roche said.

These updates are some of the issues Nilsen does not work with on a daily basis, so Roche said he likes to fill her in on what is going on at WEIU.

Nilsen is in charge of the search process for looking into a new general manager for WEIU.

"We will identify the constituencies to be represented on the search committee, select the individuals to serve on the committee and write and place the ads in appropriate venues," Nilsen said.

Nilsen plans to initiate a national search to fill the position later this semester and said it is too early in the process to estimate the cost of the search.

The committee will most likely meet during the summer to review applications submitted and narrow the candidate pool to those who will be invited to the campus in the fall, Nilsen said.

Douglas Feith leaves position for family

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's top policy adviser said Wednesday he has informed Rumsfeld that he will leave his Pentagon position sometime this summer.

Douglas J. Feith, the undersecretary of defense for policy and a driving force behind the Bush administration's strategy for fighting the global war on terror, said in an interview that he decided it was time he devoted more time to his family. He has four children.

AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE DEAD IN MAN'S SUICIDE ATTEMPTED GONE WRONG

GLENDAL, Calif. — A suicidal man parked his SUV on the railroad tracks and set off a crash of two commuter trains Wednesday that hurled passengers down the aisles and turned rail cars into smoking, twisted heaps of steel, authorities said. At least 10 people were killed and more than 180 injured. The SUV driver got out at the last moment and survived.

The collision took place just before daybreak on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Employees at a

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Costco store rushed to the scene and pulled riders from the tipped-over double-deck cars before the flames reached them. Dazed passengers staggered from the wreckage, some limping. One elderly man on the train was covered in blood and soot, his legs and arms apparently broken.

MANY PRISONERS TO BE SET FREE DUE TO SUPREME COURT RULING

DOVER, Del. — Lawmakers passed a bill Wednesday that declares "null and void" a state Supreme Court ruling that could lead to the immediate release from prison of nearly 200 rapists, killers and kidnappers.

The unanimous Senate vote came one day after House members voted 40-0 for the bill, despite concerns that it may not pass constitutional muster.

"It would be a terrible thing to have 200 some people turned loose in a short period of time," said Sen. James Vaughn, who sponsored the measure in the Senate.

MILITARY HELICOPTER CRASH LEAVES 31 SERVICE MEMBERS DEAD

OCEANSIDE, Calif. — This seaside military town reacted with grief and resolve Wednesday at the news that 31 servicemembers were killed when a transport helicopter crashed in the deadliest single incident yet for U.S. forces in Iraq.

"It's terrible, but it comes with the territory," said Carl Dreibelbis, 52, an Oceanside native who served in the Navy and said members of his family have fought in every U.S. war since the American Revolution.

JEEP PRODUCTION PLANT WORKER SHOT THREE WORKERS AND HIMSELF

TOLEDO, Ohio — An employee of a Jeep production plant shot three workers with a double-barrel shotgun Wednesday before killing himself, police said.

The shooting happened in the plant's body shop office about 8:45 p.m., police Chief Mike Navarre said.

One victim was shot in the chest and was in critical condition. Two others were less seriously injured, including one worker who was shot in the arm.

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to try and contain the streams and

rivers from getting more out of hand, Thompson said.

Illinois might try to make a federal disaster declaration to get financial assis-

tance from the federal government, but it must first assess whether or not the nine counties totaled the \$13 million worth of damage that is necessary to

declare a federal disaster area, she said.

"At this point, it's too early to tell what type of damage was done and how much (there is)," Thompson said.

"We are waiting until the water has receded to do an assessment of the damage to see if there is enough to declare a federal disaster declaration."

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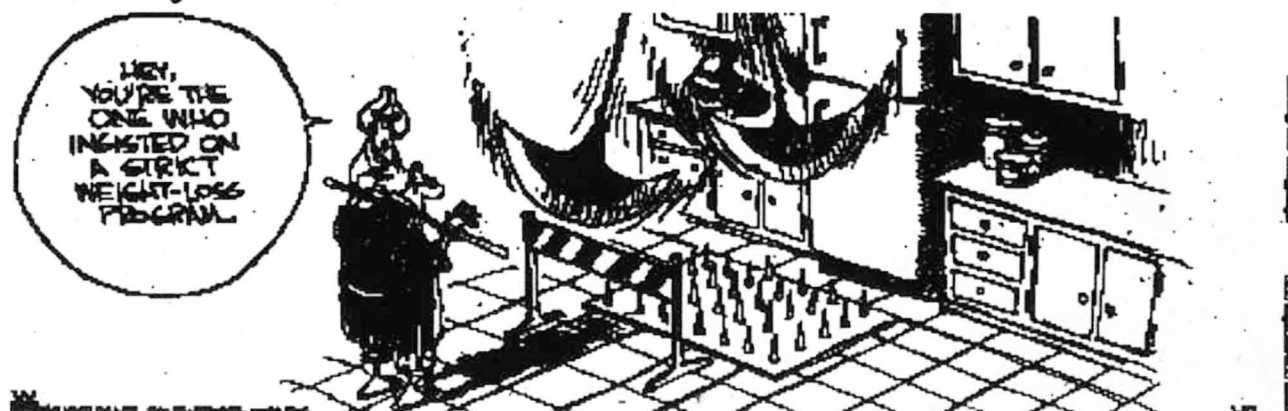
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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWE PAGE

TURNOVER FOR THE WORST

Eastern hopes to cut down turnovers when it hosts OVC surprise Samford

By JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

The easy way to judge whether a basketball team is good or bad is to look at its record. But there are always certain intangibles that go way beyond a team's wins and losses.

A keeper statistic is one that glares, and a person looking at it can tell whether a team is doing well or is struggling.

A keeper statistic that the Eastern men's basketball team simply cannot seem to get away from is its turnovers.

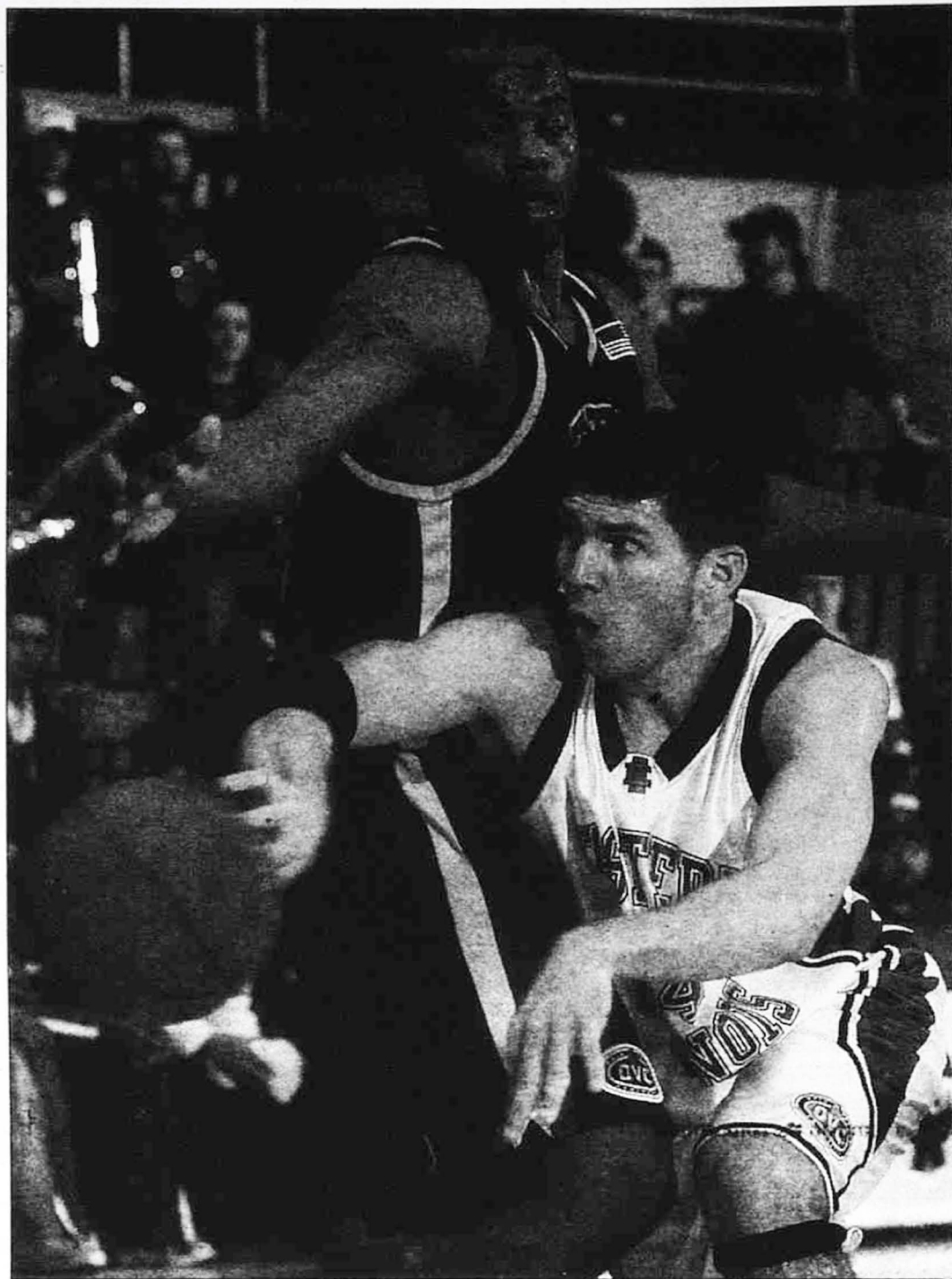
Going into tonight's game against Samford the Panthers are averaging 17.11 turnovers a game.

Samford was picked to finish 10th in the Ohio Valley Conference, one spot above the Panthers, but has surprised everyone by jumping out to such a quick start. The Bulldogs are currently in first place in the OVC with record of 6-0, averaging 12.82 turnovers per game. That is a big reason why the Bulldogs are in first place in the OVC.

In three other comparable conferences to the OVC, the Missouri Valley Conference, the Mid-Continent Conference and the Horizon League, three out of the four first place teams average less turnovers than the last place team. The only last place team averaging fewer turnovers per game than the first place team is Indiana State (13.42 turnovers per game MVC). Wichita State is averaging about one more turnover per game than the Sycamores with 14.31 turnovers per game.

Otherwise, the Mid-Continent Conference's UMKC (12.87 turnovers per game) is averaging four turnovers less than the last place Centenary (16.94 turnovers per game).

The Horizon League's first place University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (13.38 turnovers per game) is averaging two turnovers less than last place Youngstown State (15.72 turnovers per game).



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Senior forward Andrew Goltzyski passes the ball around Tennessee Tech senior forward Willie Jenkins Saturday in Lantz Arena

The Panthers showed signs of improvement against Austin Peay on Jan. 20, turning the ball over just 12 times, but then they fell back into their old pattern when they threw it away 20

times against Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

The Panthers will look to play more like they did against the Governors than they did against the Golden Eagles in tonight's game against Samford.



STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Samford	6-0	11-6
Tennessee Tech	6-1	11-7
Murray State	5-1	10-6
Tennessee State	4-2	9-11
Austin Peay	4-3	6-13
Eastern Kentucky	3-3	11-6
Morehead State	2-4	8-9
Southeast Missouri	2-4	7-10
Eastern Illinois	1-5	6-11
Tennessee-Martin	1-5	4-13
Jacksonville State	0-6	4-14

OVC STATS

SCORING PER GAME	GP	P/G
1. GONNER, Daimon-SEMO SR	15	20.6
2. JENKINS, Willie-TTU SR	18	18.8
3. GOLSON, Reggie-SEMO SR	17	16.9
4. McKNIGHT, Chad-MOR SR	17	15.9
5. MERRITT, J. Robert-SAM JR	17	15.8
6. DAVIS, Anthony-APSU SR	16	15.3
7. GOMES, Josh-EIU JR	17	15.2
8. PRICE, Bruce-TSU SO	20	15.0
9. NEWSON, Jared-UTM JR	17	14.8

ASSISTS PER GAME	GAMES	A/G
1. RUSSELL, Walker-JSU JR	18	7.44
2. WITT, Matt-EKU JR	17	6.24
3. JENIFER, Keith-MUR JR	16	4.13
4. FORD, Marcus-UTM JR	16	3.88
8. DILDY, Emanuel-EIU SR	17	3.41

REBOUNDS PER GAME	GP	R/G
1. GOLSON, Reggie-SEMO SR	17	8.8
2. HANEY, Michael-EKU SR	17	8.3
FLOWERS, Rod-TSU SR	17	8.3
4. HIRD, Alonzo-EKU JR	17	7.4
13. PATTERSON, Aaron-EIU SR	17	5.4

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	GP	PCT.
1. HANEY, Michael-EKU SR	17	.640
2. McKNIGHT, Chad-MOR SR	17	.604
3. GOLSON, Reggie-SEMO SR	17	.558
4. FLOWERS, Rod-TSU SR	17	.487
9. GOMES, Josh-EIU JR	17	.404

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	GP	PCT.
1. KELLY, Ramon-MOR SR	17	.885
2. DILDY, Emanuel-EIU SR	17	.875
3. RUSSELL, Walker-JSU JR	18	.825
4. GOMES, Josh-EIU JR	17	.820
5. CLARK, Milone-TTU JR	18	.818

THURSDAY'S GAME

GAME DESCRIPTION

SATURDAY'S GAME

GAME DESCRIPTION

OVC NOTES



Samford
(11-6, 6-0 OVC)



Eastern Illinois
(6-11, 1-5 OVC)

The Samford Bulldogs come into this game on a six-game winning streak. All six of those wins came against OVC opponents. The Bulldogs lead the OVC in scoring defense, holding its opponents to 58 points per game but they are 10th in scoring offense. Eastern is ranked eighth in both of those categories.



Jacksonville State
(4-14, 0-6 OVC)



Eastern Illinois
(6-11, 1-5 OVC)

Jacksonville State has struggled thus far in the OVC. The Gamecocks are winless in six games and have lost their last 11 games. They are fifth in scoring offense and ninth in scoring defense. Their last win came on Nov. 23, 2004.

Player of the Week
J. Robert Merritt, Samford

Newcomer of the Week
Derek Stribling, Tennessee Tech

Freshman of the Week
Reiley Ervin, Tennessee State

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TODAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. SAMFORD	5:15 p.m.
	Men's basketball vs. Samford	7:35 p.m.
FRIDAY	SWIMMING AT IUPUI	5:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. TENNESSEE STATE	5:15 p.m.
	Men's Basketball vs. Tennessee State	7:35 p.m.

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THROWING HEAT
MATT STEVENS
SPORTS WRITER

U of I No. 1, no doubt about it

What's the excuse now?

A day after Illinois was one vote shy of being unanimously ranked 'No. 1 (somebody needs to find the media member who voted for Duke), the Fighting Illini strolled into the Kohl Center and told the "Grateful Red" student section that all things must come to an end.

Does the fact they didn't blow the Badgers out leave doubt in the minds of those who are deemed worthy to pick the national champion in January?

Has the cupcake schedule created suspicion? Obviously, when Illinois head coach Bruce Weber made phone calls to Wake Forest, Gonzaga, Arkansas, Oregon, Missouri and Cincinnati, he knew an undefeated record was inevitable.

Everybody who knows what they are talking about (Dick Vitale, Jay Bilas, Digger Phelps) knows they have no frontcourt help. I'm sure that's what Badger head coach Bo Ryan is seeing as he counts all the insignificant 44 points scored by James Augustine, Roger Powell and Jack Ingram.

Gentlemen, this is why people like Ryan have a Big Ten coaching job, and, well, do I have to say it?

Nonetheless, North Carolina is the 2005 ESPN National Champion and everyone will have to accept that until it plays that competition in March (I hear it's a big deal).

The Tar Heels have athletes, solid big people, depth and an 11-point loss to Santa Clara.

Don't get me wrong, that's a quality loss to a 10-9 team in the West Coast Conference that is ranked 129 in the Ratings Percentage Index (otherwise known as the selection committee's bible).

The Big Ten is barely a top-level conference right? With six teams in the Top 50 of the RPI, the ACC must dominate that number.

In fact, they have...six? Well, that's not the point because anyone knows Illinois is skating through a weak conference filled with what will be five NCAA Tournament qualifiers.

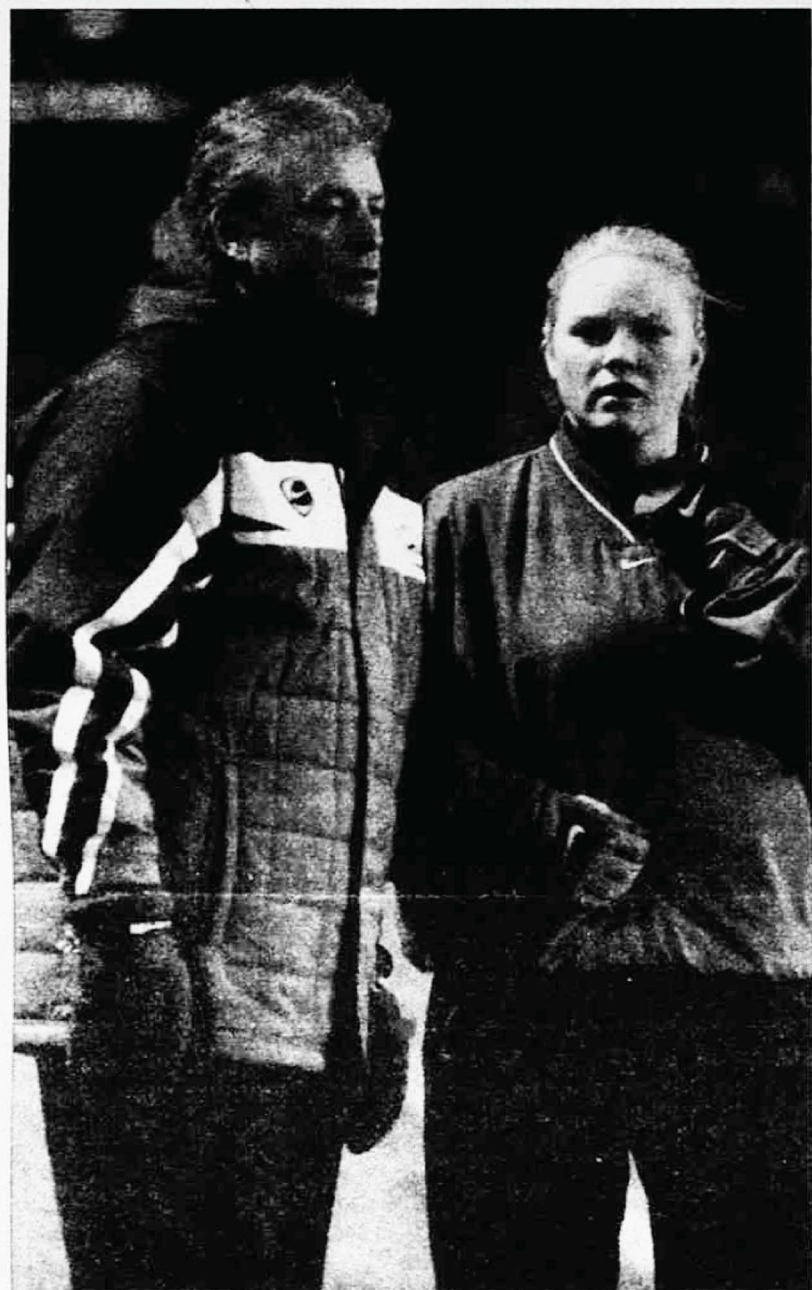
I've even heard this argument at the local Windy City level: Well, if they wouldn't steal those Chicago kids and bring them down south, they wouldn't even sniff a .500 record.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Eastern soccer coach resigns

BY AARON SEIDLITZ
NEWS EDITOR



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Women's soccer coach Steve Ballard talks with assistant coach Kristen Booker before the start of the NCAA Women's College Cup game against Notre Dame Nov. 12 at Alumni Field in Southbend, Ind.

The man who spent a decade, and, along the way, has taken Eastern's women's soccer team to four straight Ohio Valley Conference championships, resigned Tuesday.

Steve Ballard, the only women's soccer coach in the school's history, has accepted an offer to start a women's soccer program at Texas-San Antonio.

The departing coach said that it was the most difficult coaching decision he has had to make since his coaching career started.

Ballard met with the team he led to last season's OVC championship Tuesday and said that the atmosphere turned emotional quickly.

"I brought in a sheet of paper with about 30 words on it, and I only made it through two-thirds of it before I had to hand it over to (assistant coach) Kristin Booker," Ballard said. "I felt like I had been run over, just standing up there and saying goodbye."

Players returning to next year's squad also had trouble believing what their coach was telling them.

Starting goalkeeper, Tiffany Groene, said she was excited to come back for her fifth year of eligibility because of the family-like atmosphere that had developed within the team.

"This was a big shock for me," Groene said. "It's like graduating from college and knowing that you are going to leave a few friends behind — that's how I feel about coach leaving."

"We're his kids, his family. Especially when you are as successful as we have been over the last couple of years, it's tough to lose somebody from this team."

Eastern will start the process for finding a new head women's soccer coach as soon as possible, Gail Richard, the NCAA Faculty Representative at Eastern, said.

"There is no doubt that coach Ballard leaves a legacy here at Eastern for women's soccer, but we will have to look for the best candidate possible as soon as possible," Richard said.

Director of Athletics Richard McDuffie hopes to have the position filled by April and said the process will go through a committee that will include a player from the team.

Ballard noted that the opportunity to take the position in San Antonio made him think about finishing off his career and where he wanted to be when he decides to retire.

"I'm 52 years old now, and San Antonio is a great metropolitan area," Ballard said. "This could turn into a dream job for me because they are building a new soccer facility, and if I work hard enough I think success can be found there."

The move wasn't entirely a surprise to McDuffie, however.

"I think he's looked at some other opportunities over the last couple of years," McDuffie said. "but my understanding is the place he's going to is starting their program, and they'll build a new stadium. So, I would assume he sees that as a good opportunity to do what he did here."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers try to topple OVC unbeaten

Eastern will host Samford at Lantz for the first time

BY DAN WOIKE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panther's men's basketball team takes on the Ohio Valley Conference's best, the undefeated Samford Bulldogs, at 8 p.m. today.

Eastern (6-11, 1-5 OVC) will have to defend the Bulldog's offense that left Morehead State head coach Kyle Macy impressed.

"It just makes every possession so important," Macy said.

Samford (11-6, 6-0) is coming off consecutive road wins, defeating

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Morehead State 55-51 on Thursday and Eastern Kentucky 67-61 on Saturday.

Tonight's game will be Samford's first visit to Lantz Arena since joining the OVC last season.

Panther head coach Rick Samuels said he hopes the unfamiliar territory helps keep Samford from feeling comfortable.

"They've never been here, so we're going to hope that they don't shoot the ball very well," he said. "It is a system, but the system requires that you shoot threes very well."

Eastern Kentucky head coach Travis Ford said shooting is one the Bulldog's biggest strengths.

"I've never seen a team come in and shoot that well," Ford said. "They were 25 feet out on most of them."

"They're a gutty basketball team."

The Bulldogs used those guts to come back from a 30-17 deficit at the half against Eastern Kentucky.

In fact, the Panthers had similar fortunes in last year's meeting at Samford, leading for late into the second half before losing 73-69.

Samford is led by junior forward J. Robert Merritt who is averaging 15.8 points per game while shooting 50 percent from the field.

Merritt's also connecting on just under half of his three-point attempts, connecting on 49-of-105 attempts behind the arc.

The Bulldogs are shooting 50 percent from the field, something

Eastern Students 'Dash for Cash' on Comcast Sports Net

The Eastern men's basketball game against the Samford Bulldogs can be seen live at 8 p.m. on Comcast Sports Net, Channel 83 on Charleston-Mattoon cable systems.

Play-by-play announcer Blake Fulton and color analyst and ex-Georgia Tech head coach Bobby Cremins will be announcing the game.

Eastern's Department of Athletics will be sponsoring a series of competitions during the game's timeouts, with a \$1,500 tuition waiver going to the winner.

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PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS

'Proof,' a joint venture between the Eastern and Charleston art community, begins its run Friday

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YOU CAN DO IT!

Second installation of the New Year's Health and Fitness series: The Student Rec Center wants to pump you up with aerobics classes all week long

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Chicago's Zen Feat gets raves, Christian rock band Olivia is oppressed, and Metal Gear Solid 3 has the story for gamers

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'Guide to Better Living' explains how to survive a wedding in style, even without someone special by your side

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Elsinore, Pink Spiders, Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, Allan Vasquez and "Saw" to provide weekend diversion

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QUOTE THIS

What's your favorite card game?



Jennifer Brooks
senior 2D studio art

"Spades and
Gin Rummy"



Nate Christensen
freshman secondary
science
education

"Texas Hold 'Em"



Ashley Gemar
sophomore finance

"Hands and Feet"



Maggie Hamper
freshman undecided

"Spit"



Sarah Jaworski
freshman,
elementary education major

"Texas Hold 'Em'"



Jim Viktora
sophomore business finance

"Circle of Death"



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SATURDAY

UB Movie: "Saw"
5p.m. and 8 p.m.
Buzzard Hall Auditorium

Elsinore
CD release show
8 p.m.
Jackson Avenue Coffee

Pink Spiders
Sadaharu
10 p.m.
Friends and Co.
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"Proof"
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Let's Get Physical

These aerobics classes are a far cry from your mother's Jane Fonda workout

By HOLLY HENSCHEN
VERGE EDITOR

Three rows of college students standing side-by-side, facing a mirror-covered wall as fluorescent lights shine down on the polished hardwood floor. Clad in T-shirts, tank tops, running pants and ponytails, they clap and jump in unison to No Doubt's "Hella Good." In front of the 11 women are teal, gray, pink and black plastic rectangular steps upon which they step and twirl. It's 8:43 p.m. on Tuesday night in the Student Recreation Center aerobics room, and Step Aerobics class is in full swing.

The leader of the pack is dressed in black and wears a microphone headset. She reminds the class to "work at your own level," then jumping jacks around the room, encouraging them to "pick it up, pick it up."

The Student Recreation Center offers 42 meeting times for workout classes Monday through Friday, and added two more options Saturday at the request of students.

Another addition to the aerobics class lineup was one session of step each day. Step classes take place from 5-5:50 p.m. daily, 7:30-8:25 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 3:30-4:25 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"It's our most popular class," said Stacey Ewing, the aforementioned lady in black. Ewing, the SRC aerobics coordinator since summer 2004, has learned a thing or two about aerobics that could inspire even the most tired and health-apatetic students.

Ewing, a junior in the Board of Trustees continuing education program, learned to teach aerobics near Venice, Italy and lost 150 pounds in a two-year period, halving her original weight. What first inspired her was a magazine article that said the metabolism slows down at age 25. "That gave me a push," said Ewing, who was 24 at the time. She had two children and wanted more for her life.

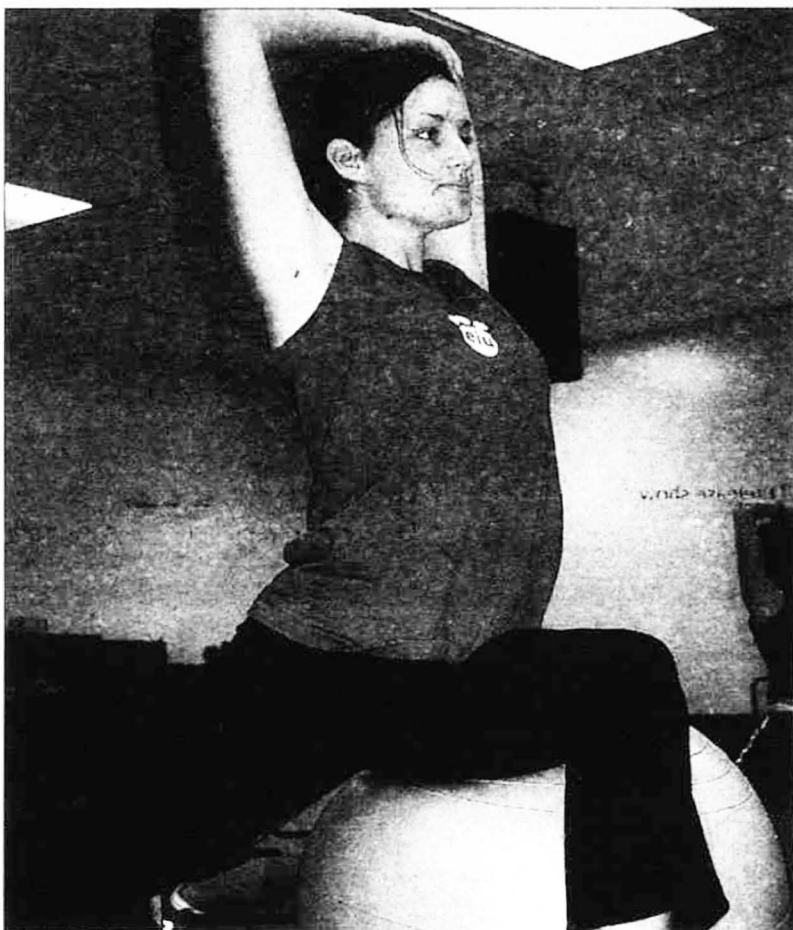
"My lifestyle changed completely," she said. "I decided to



VERGE PHOTO BY CARRIE HOLLIS

Above: Students participate in Ball 30 class Wednesday evening in the SRC aerobics room.

Left: Leanne Dalpiaz, a senior elementary education major, helps instruct Ball 30 class.



improved strength and endurance can be benefits of aerobic exercise. Sophomore psychology major Devon Black started attending SRC classes in the fall. Now she rotates Funk, Step, Ball 30 and Mat Science classes to work different muscles.

"I think it's more motivating to work out in a class than to work out on your own," said Black.

Proof that strength comes in numbers, she attended Funk class with a friend that night. Stretching and shimmying alongside Black was Cali Starr, a sophomore sociology major. Both girls cited new year's resolutions to get into shape as a reason for hanging out at the Rec.

"I notice I'm less jiggly," said Starr. "It's really upbeat and you feel like you got the workout. It relieves stress."

Goals like new year's resolutions and toning up for spring break motivate many aerobics class attendees.

"The first eight-10 weeks (of a semester) are really busy, then attendance dwindles," said Ewing. The aerobics program could service 2000 students weekly, she said. The classes don't require sign ups, except for a yoga class, which is full and has a waiting list of over 60 people.

The classes offered range from 30 to 50 minutes and vary in levels of intensity, which are listed on the class schedule, along with descriptions of the workouts.

SRC AEROBICS CLASSES

- ◆ Pilates
- ◆ Medium/High Abs
- ◆ Advanced Abs
- ◆ Ball 30
- ◆ Splish N' Splash Aqua
- ◆ Cardio Explosion
- ◆ Totally Toning
- ◆ Funk
- ◆ Mat Science
- ◆ Rock Bottom
- ◆ Simply Step
- ◆ Power Step
- ◆ Strictly Step N' Legs
- ◆ Beginners Kickboxing
- ◆ Advanced Kickboxing

Schedule and class descriptions can be found at the SRC or online at <http://www.eiu.edu/~crecsrc/fitness/aerobics/05spring.htm>

The SRC has 19 trained and certified aerobics instructors.

Melissa Wesley, a sophomore physical education major with teacher certification, began training to teach classes at the SRC in October. The process involved evaluations, leading warm-ups and cool downs, constructing a routine and a written exam.

"I would go in there (SRC) every night and practice because I really wanted to do it," Wesley said. "It's a very positive thing for your life."

According to Wesley, people of all lifestyles and fitness levels can benefit from aerobics classes.

"It's not just for women," she said. "Men like the toning." Wesley recommends Splish N' Splash Aqua for those who are just starting to get into shape because it's a no-impact workout. Funk class is good for those who like to dance, she said.

Traditionally the SRC hosts an aerobics class marathon each semester with refreshments, T-shirts and prizes to offer a sample of each class. This semester, a bigger opportunity is in the works. The SRC plans to host an event in March that will allow students to earn aerobics teaching certifications.

Editor's Note. This is the second of a three-part series on health and fitness possibilities on campus. From keeping a new year's resolution to buffing up for Spring Break, Eastern and the Verge have got you covered. Next issue: Personal Training and ATP Testing.

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poker tourney

2004 was a record year for the poker world, according to John Caldwell of at www.Pokernews.com, and this year figures to surpass it as millions more figure to ante up for an even more.

While Adams was an avid poker player before the hype began, Segal and O'Leary started playing Hold 'Em last year.

"Last year it would be a 15-player, full-floor event," Segal said.

"We just go with what's popular, we do survey about what people are interested in. We did a lot of stuff with RHA (Residence Hall Association), and we heard a lot of stuff about how people were playing (Texas Hold'em).

"We just wanna get in on the action," said Outman.

Outman said the top five

winners will win prizes that include: First Place: 300-piece clay poker set with carrying case and dealer button and "bragging rights;" the movie "Rounders," starring Matt Damon and Edward Norton; and Wal-Mart gift cards.

The game is similar to those seen on the Travel Channel, ESPN and others with a process of elimination. Everyone starts off with \$400 in chips, no one gets extra chips, and it is a matter of winner take all. Outman said there will be no dress code, so players can try to throw opponents off with their "accessories."

"There's no dress code. I mean unless you don't have a Panther Card. If you're going to dress all cowboyish, that's your say; I'm not going to judge you," Outman said.

BASIC TEXAS HOLD'EM STRATEGY

Hold'em is played with a standard 52 card deck. **What** makes Hold'em stand out from many other card games is the use of five community cards - cards dealt face up on the table that all players share. Each player also receives two face-down cards each - hole or pocket cards. A round of poker starts with every player being dealt their two hole cards.

The winner is the player that at the end, after several betting rounds, can use his hole cards together with the five community cards and make the best ranked five card poker hand.

The player making the highest ranked five card hand out of the seven cards. It doesn't matter if he uses four of the community cards on the board and one hole card or both hole cards and three from the board.

Sometimes even the five communal cards may rank as the best hand. Then all the players share the pot since they all have that hand!

POCKET PAIR

The odds are 220 to 1 against being dealt Aces. With Aces, you are a minimum of a 4 to 1 favorite against any other hand.

The odds are 16 to 1 against being dealt any pocket pair.

With a pocket pair, you are a slight favorite against over

cards

The odds of flopping a set are 7.5 to 1 against. With a pocket pair preflop, your odds are 4.2 to 1 against making a set by the river.

FLUSH

Holding two suited cards, your odds are 7.5 to 1 against flopping at least two more cards of the same suit.

After flopping a flush draw (4 suited cards), your odds are 4.2 to 1 against hitting the flush on the turn and 4.1 to 1 against hitting it on the river. With a flush draw after the flop, your odds are 1.9 to 1 against making it by the river. With two suited cards preflop, your odds are 16.3 to 1 against making a flush by the river.

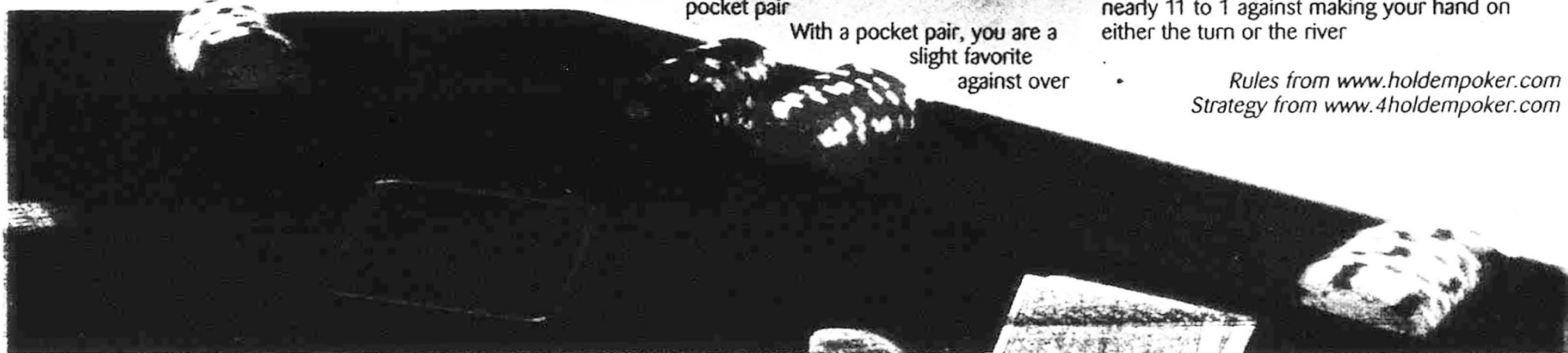
STRAIGHT

After flopping an open-end straight draw, your odds are 4.9 to 1 against making your straight on the turn and 4.8 to 1 against making it by the river.

With an open-end straight draw after the flop, your odds are 2.2 to 1 against making a straight by the river.

With an inside straight draw, your odds are nearly 11 to 1 against making your hand on either the turn or the river.

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REVIEWS

Kojima's third outing proves to be most 'Solid'



SUBMITTED PHOTO

BY PAT WIMP
STAFF WRITER

Since the release of Sony's original Playstation, video games have tended more and more toward motion picture type status.

One of the game pioneers that brought the industry standard to this level is the creator of the "Metal Gear Solid" series, Hideo Kojima. "Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater" represents perhaps Kojima's finest effort.

Before touching on game play elements, the story in this game is top notch. Players will be treated to a well thought out tale of espionage and nuclear warfare. Fans of the previous games will enjoy the "prequel" nature of the game as its stellar ending sets in

METAL GEAR SOLID 3:
SNAKE EATER

4 ★ ★ ★ ★

motion the events of the previous two.

Snake, the game's main character, must use stealth and camouflage to infiltrate and conquer the various game locales. A vast arsenal of weapons combined with a wide variety of combat techniques will give players a plethora of ways to dispose of enemy guards and troops.

One of the most original features to be included in the game is the necessity to hunt for food and repair injuries. In order to properly heal and perform required actions, Snake must consume food he finds around the jungle

as well as mend injuries sustained in combat. More fun and more intense are "Snake Eater's" boss battles. Snake will encounter a myriad of super-powered elite soldiers known as the Cobra unit, culminating with a beautiful battle with his former mentor, "The Boss."

Graphically, "Snake Eater" is amazing. From the dense jungle environments to the perfectly life-like character models, the team at Konami (the game's developer) does not miss a beat.

The sound and music are just as perfect. The Bond-like title theme is just one of the extra efforts that make this game flawless.

Playstation 2 owners should be playing this game, if they have not finished it already. Those that have should play it again. This one is not to be missed.

A near-perfect feat

BY DAVID THILL
STAFF WRITER

ZEN FEAT

3 1/2 ★ ★ ★ ★

Following in the footsteps of groups like String Cheese Incident, Ratdog and others of the same ilk comes Chicago area band, Zen Feat. And if the group's debut album is any indicator, I would not be surprised to see the group on the lineup of Bonnaroo very soon.

The group, which formed after three of the members performed at Madison Square Garden, has folk rock ideas backed by a catchy sound that is relevant to pop-radio today.

That being said, the self-titled album is a refreshing change from the bubble-gum pop that hampers the airwaves of today's radio.

The vocals of Williams' sound similar to that of Brandon Boyd of Incubus, at times. That is not to say the songs are similar, but merely the voice.

At certain times, however, it sounds like he should be forcing more energy into parts of a song that can otherwise drag.

While Williams describes the sound as funky folk rock, at times

the group sounds like a jam band waiting to break out of the three-to-five-minute mold. Songs like "Sunrise" and "Shake It Up" have a relatable pop-radio sound, however, most other songs on the album may alienate mainstream listeners.

The sound flows, a constantly changing array of piano solos and acoustic guitar backed by a funky bass, not too funky, however, to knock them out of classification as a folk rock group.

The instrumentation of the group is very good. Few and far between are the times at which the performance could be improved.

Eclectic sound aside, the album should be taken for what it is and that is a success, especially for a rookie effort.

While minor complaints like production value and a lack of sound variety find their way into the listener's ear, they should be overshadowed by intelligent lyrics, flowing chord progression and professional instrumentation.

God, Hawaii are all this band has

BY GREG WALKER
STAFF WRITER

I find it hard to rip on Christian rock. I feel that if I do, God is going to strike down on me at any moment. It's not that I dislike the genre of Christian rock, it's more so the fact that the music for the most part is pretty terrible.

So along come Hawaii's Olivia the Band and their self-titled first release, and yet again, I am watching out for God's wrath.

Olivia the Band wants all you kids to know that there is nothing wrong with being good-natured Christians, and of course there isn't. They have a sound that is comparable to Blink-182, which is extremely noticeable on "Butterflies" and "Shut It Out."

Unlike most of Olivia's influences though, they have no shame in having God as the basis of their songs, for example on "Heaven," "Every knee will bow, tongue will scream, scream out loud, Jesus is here, now Jesus is here." In other



SUBMITTED PHOTO

OLIVIA THE BAND:
SELF TITLED

1 ★

words, Olivia makes Creed look like Marilyn Manson.

It seems all of the songs on Olivia's album carry a nice little statement. The only problem is that all the songs sound the same, the same singing, same boring guitars, and it goes on. Where's the passion, Olivia? The whole disc is just pretty insipid.

I can think of bands that don't have to be blatantly Christian, but at the same time are able to insert resounding messages into their songs every now and

then. The Flaming Lips' "Do You Realize?" is a perfect example of a song that doesn't stink and has a nice message.

The members of the band themselves, I'm sure, are all really nice guys. They want to convey a message to their fans and also let them know how awesome it is to live in Hawaii. We get the point. I was starting to think that the band's press release was a travel brochure for Hawaii.

I also think that the drummer has a thing for showing off his muscles. I can't believe the poses he is able to flex in the album pictures. This guy is the drummer? What a waste, get him a microphone and some singing lessons, there's a guy the pre-teen Christian girls would be willing to go gaga for.

Back on track though, if you already somehow know whom Olivia the Band is, then you probably already have a copy of this disc. If you don't—good. Just remember what the critic told you. And if you are God, please don't smite me ... Please?

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UB's visual bingo offers music videos

By JAMI AVERCENEUX
STAFF WRITER

Friday, video bingo is coming to Eastern.

From 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the University Ball Room, University Board Special Events will be sponsor video bingo, which combines two things many college students

love: music videos and winning free stuff. But there is a twist.

Instead of numbers, the provided bingo cards will have the names of music videos. Randomly selected music video clips will play on a large TV screen, provided by Paradigm Attractions.

"Once someone has com-

pleted the bingo card and yells 'Bingo' that person has the opportunity to win CDs, DVDs or possibly two tickets to the Ciara concert," said Theresa

Outman, UB coordinator of the event.

The videos chosen are mostly Top 40, Hip Hop, Pop, Rock, Country, Gospel and R&B videos. Most of them

can be seen in regular rotation on MTV, VH1 or BET.

"Depending on the school, the videos can range from as far back as the 1950s up until present day," said a representative from Paradigm Attractions.

Paradigm Attractions, has toured such schools as Orange County University,

Jackson State University, Penn State University and Tampa University.

Outman is expects 100 to 150 to participate. "It's giving EIU students something else to do Friday night," she said. Events such as these provide EIU students with alternatives to bars and parties.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Rap Mogul and drug Kingpin surrender to feds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—The hip-hop label behind music superstars Ashanti and Ja Rule was part of a murderous criminal enterprise that protected its interstate crack and heroin operation with calculated street assassinations, federal authorities charged Wednesday.

Label head Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo and his brother Christopher surrendered to the FBI on money-laundering charges Wednesday as federal prosecutors unsealed an indictment seeking to confiscate Irv Gotti's real estate and business holdings.

Gotti's childhood friend, Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff, one of New York's most notorious drug kingpins, was charged with

murder, racketeering and other crimes that prosecutors said were intended to eliminate and intimidate potential witnesses.

McGriff already is in prison on a relatively minor gun charge.

Prosecutors said McGriff and the Gottis funneled hundreds of thousands of dollars in McGriff's drug profits through The Inc., a chart-topping label owned partly by Def Jam, a subsidiary of Universal Music.

Recording in a studio dubbed "The Crackhouse," The Inc. has sold about 20 million records behind Ja Rule and Ashanti, who were not charged in the indictment. Ja Rule's current album, "R.U.L.E.," peaked at No. 7 on the Billboard chart. Ashanti is now appearing in the movie "Coach

Carter," which debuted atop the box office list two weeks ago.

The Inc. was founded as Murder Inc. in 1997. Gotti changed his label's name last year to deflect negative publicity from the investigation.

NICOLE KIDMAN SEEKS RESTRAINING ORDER

SYDNEY, Australia—Oscar-winning actress Nicole Kidman has asked a court to issue a restraining order against two Sydney photographers, their lawyer said Wednesday.

Roland Day said his client, Jamie Fawcett, and another photographer he represents had been served papers saying

Kidman's application would be heard Thursday in Waverly Local Court. Day wouldn't name the other photographer.

Police officers were called to Kidman's home Sunday after an electronic listening device was found near a security vehicle that was monitoring her mansion from the street. The bug was apparently discovered when security officers searched the grounds in preparation for Kidman's return to film her new movie, "Eucalyptus."

ACCUSATION DELAY IN COSBY'S FAVOR

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—A prosecutor investigating a fondling

allegation against Bill Cosby said Wednesday that the accuser's year-long delay in coming forward, and their contact in the past year, weighed in the comedian's favor.

Authorities interviewed Cosby on Wednesday and expect to know in two weeks whether they will bring charges in response to the allegation that he fondled the woman in his suburban Philadelphia home, Bruce L. Castor Jr., the Montgomery County district attorney, said at a news conference.

"I think that factors such as failure to disclose in a timely manner and contacts with the alleged perpetrator after the event are factors that weigh toward Mr. Cosby," Castor said.

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'PROOF' OF TEAMWORK

Eastern and Charleston work together to present Pulitzer Prize winning play

By BRIAN O'MALLEY
STAFF WRITER

It takes a meeting of the masses to really make something happen. Charleston and Eastern created a partnership to put on the David Auburn play, "Proof."

The Charleston Community Theatre Company is presenting "Proof," which originally opened on Broadway, at the Tarble Arts Center for six performances in the next two weekends.

"Proof," which won a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award in 2001, is about a father and daughter team of mathematicians. The daughter, Catherine, takes care of her father, Robert, until he dies, which is when a mathematical proof is found and Catherine claims she solved it. However, others believe Robert wrote it.

Genie Lenihan, of the Charleston Community Theatre Company and producer of the play, said the script contains a working combination of comedy and drama.

"It has moments of real humor and also moments of great tension," said Lenihan. "It's a great balance."

The Charleston Community Theatre Company started producing plays at Tarble in the spring of 2002 with a show called "Art."

Lenihan said events like plays are a good way to bring the town and the university together.

"(The theater) is a tremendous asset to both institutions," she said. "We are very grateful to the Tarble Arts Center. It's a very nice cooperative arrangement."

"I think they're very eager to put this show on and bring people to Tarble."

Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center staff, said the Eastern/Charleston relationship is very important.

"Anything that connects people from the campus and people from the community is a positive thing," he said. "It's funny how we always talk



JOAQUIN OCHOA/VERGE

Catherine, played by Martha Mills, an Eastern alumna tries to reason with her father, Robert, played by Joe Allison, an Eastern staff member, during a dress rehearsal at Tarble Arts Center Tuesday.

about Eastern as if it's not part of the community, but it is.

"In a lot of ways, Eastern is the central aspect of the Charleston community."

Ruth Straith, of the Charleston Public Library and director of the play, said "Proof" has enough entertainment for everybody.

"The show has themes that will sound familiar to both the young people of Eastern and the residents of Charleston," Straith said.

Auditions were held at the end of November and rehearsals have been

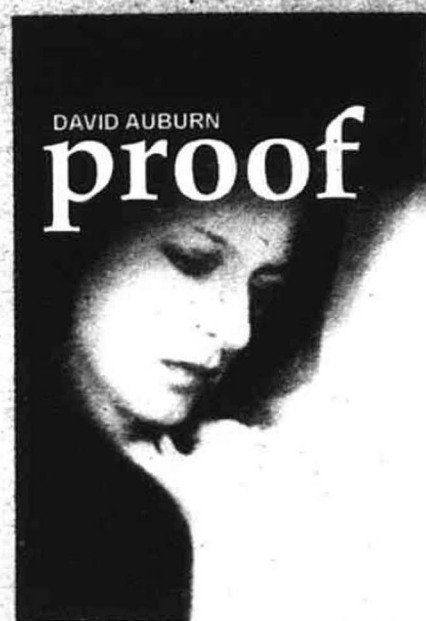
held on a regular basis since.

The cast includes three Charleston residents and one Eastern student. Joe Allison, who is starring as Robert, is an Eastern employee with Tarble's costume department.

Martha Mills is playing the part of Catherine and has previously performed for the Charleston Community Theatre Company.

Cass Strong, of the Charleston Alley Theatre, is playing Claire.

Kevin Coulton, a mathematics and computer sciences major at Eastern, is playing a character named Hal.



"PROOF"

Where: The Tarble Arts Center

When:
7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday
3 p.m. Sunday Jan. 28, 29, 30;
Feb. 4, 5, 6

Cost: Students-\$6,
Senior Citizens-\$8, Adults-\$10

Straith said, as a director, she is very careful about what plays she chooses to take on.

"It had to be pretty darn good in order for me to direct it," she said. "I'm very picky with what I direct, but when I read the script, it just really grabbed me."

Straith said she has enjoyed working on the play for the last two months.

"It's been a very pleasurable experience and I'm glad to have done it," she said.

Members of Eastern's mathematics department are holding a discussion Sunday after the play to discuss the collaboration of math and theatre.

GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING

Keys to surviving a wedding single, dateless

Ahh, weddings: To unite closely, to join in matrimony, the beautiful union of two people willing to give each other their lives, their hearts and their souls. The thought of one's own wedding provokes feelings of anxiety and excitement for most people. We are surrounded by marriage during our college years, either in thought or in action. And that's great. I love the idea of marriage.

But being single at a wedding sucks.

I traveled to the city of Normal last weekend where one of my close friends and his girlfriend from high school decided to tie the knot. I was so happy for them and so excited for their future together. The ceremony was short and sweet, and it even made me tear up a little bit.



JAMIE MCGHEE
JUNIOR MATH MAJOR

"Where the heck is my 'Mr. Right,' anyway?" "Life just isn't fair." "I'm gonna be single forever." Blah, blah, blah.

But the wedding was only 40 minutes. No sweat.

Then it was time for the reception.

"Oh, great," I thought. "Just a bunch of slow, mushy songs for all the couples to make out to on the dance floor. I hope there's an open bar."

Well, the reception turned out to be a blast. Why?

But some of those tears were not for the happiness I felt for them; some were for the self-pity that the ceremony ignited.

Because I asked myself, "What would make a reception depressing for a single 22 year old? The music selection, that's what."

So I requested songs all night long.

Shaggy's "Freaky Girl" was fun to dance to with one of my attractive female friends. Sure, the conservative old people might have been offended, but it was fun.

The B-52's "Love Shack" was a riot to dance with a group to, and Eiffel 65's "Move Your Body" got everybody shaking their booties.

Speaking of booties, Sir-Mix-a-Lot's "Baby Got Back" is a must for someone in my position, as well. "Foot Loose," "Shout," "Macarena," all good for dancing with a large number of friends in the middle of the dance floor.

When slow songs had to be played (there is, of course, no avoiding this at a wedding reception), I danced with all my friends, male or female, single or taken.

One of the things that surprised me is that I didn't need any alcohol to get me through the night. Sure, I might have tried to drink myself silly had it not been \$3 for 8 ounces of rum and Coke, but I was glad I saved my money and my sobriety.

Next time, I'm going to make sure I have another single-goer whom I'm relatively close to. I got lucky this time; my friend, Beth, was my savior.

If I find that I am the only dateless person, I will take advantage of all possible resources. Heck, I wouldn't even mind taking one of my brothers or one of my girlfriends if I had to. Having

someone there who is yours and no one else's is very important. There is nothing worse than being left alone at a table with your second helping of wedding cake. Another good idea is not to watch any romance movies or read any love novels before the wedding. It will only get you warmed up for downheartedness and depression during the most important day of your friends' lives.

Finally, make the day about the people getting married. It's not about you, and chances are your day will come. Believe you me, I understand what it's like to contemplate the idea of being alone forever, or at least for the foreseeable future. But the fact is, we're still young, no matter how you look at it.